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Discharging the vending of any Goods brought from *Ostend*, or any other Town or Port of the *Spanish Neatherlands*, till they abide their fourty dayes tryal.

*Edinburgh, the fourteenth day of August, one thousand six hundred and sixty six.*

**W**hereas the Lords of his Majesties **H**igh Council being informed, that the Plague of pestilence is now broken out in the Town of *Ostend*, and other Towns and Places of the *Spanish Neatherlands*; And that by reason of the wars in *Holland*, there is now interruption of Trade with the said Towns and Places heretofore, so that the Goods thereof, without any restraint, may endanger the Kingdom, by importing Foreign Wares and Commodities, which might be dangerous to the Kingdom; from which it hath pleased **G O D** in his infinite mercy heretofore to preserve the Kingdom. Therefore, they, by these presents, discharge all Merchants, Traders, and other persons whatsoever, who shall bring any Wares or Commodities from *Ostend*, or any other Port or Place of the *Spanish Neatherlands* into this Kingdom, to unload any of the Ships or Vessels wherein there Goods are imported, until first they acquaint the Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Magistrates of Burghs, or others his Majesties Officers of the Shires or Burghs where they shall happen to come, where they did loaden their Goods, and that they receive orders for their forty dayes tryal, and in what places they shall handle their Wares and Commodities during that time, under the pain of confiscation of their Ships and Goods, and punishment of their Persons, according to the quality and merit of their offence, in manner contained in a former Act of Council, dated the twelfth day of July last. And commands and charges all Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Magistrates of Burghs, and others his Majesties Officers within their respective bounds, upon all occasions that shall require the same, to meet and convene, and give order for such Guards, Watches, Houses, Overseers and Places as they shall think most convenient, for putting this Act in execution, and for doing every other thing that shall be necessary for that effect: With certification, if they failie, they shall be punished in their persons and goods, to the terror of others; and that the Customs and Duties be paid as usual, till the notice hereof, and acquaint all Magistrates concerned in this Act in execution, as they will be answerable upon their highest perill: And ordains that the Acts to stand in force till the first day of December next to come, and longer or shorter as shall be the pleasure, and until they discharge the same. And ordains these presents to be printed, and published at the Mercat-crois of *Edinburgh*, *Peir* and *Shore of Lieth*, and other Mercat-crois of all Sea-ports where there is any Commerce, by Bacers or Messengers at Armes, that none pretend ignorance.

*Pet. Wedderburne, Cl. S<sup>i</sup> Concilii.*

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